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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$110,000 in funding for the Emergency Repair to a Segment of Wastewater Equipment in the City of Madison in fiscal year 2023 through the Economic Development Initiative account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Madison located at 321 SW Rutledge Street Madison, FL 32340.

The funding would be used to repair approximately 1,000 linear feet of the wastewater utility (force main and manholes) that are fast approaching 80 years old and are submerged underneath Range Avenue. The Department of Transportation alerted the City of Madison that it would re-paving Highway 14, from Interstate 10, entering the city limits of Madison, Florida, and terminating at Duval Avenue, also known as Highway 53.

In mid-2021, the City of Madison responded to a wastewater force main collapse near the intersection of Range Avenue and Willie Claire-Copeland Street. The wastewater utility serves a major portion of the southeastern part of the City of Madison, which eventually terminates at the Master Lift Station. The immediate concern for the existing 80-year-old wastewater utility is that it is susceptible to another collapse at any time. Highway 14/Range Avenue is a heavily trafficked thoroughfare for routine motorists, as well as extensive transport vehicles that deliver materials and equipment to local businesses in the industrial vicinity. The force main collapse caused an immediate alarm, as it posed a severe safety hazard to motorists. There is a pending nervousness about the possibility of this happening again as the fast-approaching, unpredictable hurricane season further amplifies the concern.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress